

New Records of *Atholus coelestis* (Coleoptera, Histeridae) from Okinawa-jima and Kuro-shima, The Ryukyus, Japan

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Atholus coelestis (MARSEUL, 1857) was described from China, and is rather widely distributed throughout the Oriental Region: continental China, Taiwan, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Indochina, Indonesia (Java and Celebes) and Tadzhikistan (MAZUR, 1997). In Japan the area of its distribution is restricted to the southern Ryukyus. Recently I collected several specimens of this species on the Islands of Okinawa-jima and Kuro-shima (Yaeyama Isls.), the Ryukyus. New to the fauna of these Islands.

Atholus coelestis (MARSEUL, 1857)

Hister coelestis MARSEUL, 1857, 416 [China].

Hister (Atholus) coelestis: DESBORDES, 1921, 10 [India].

Atholus coelestis: HISAMATSU & KUSUI, 1984, 17 [Japan: Ryukyu: Iriomote-jima]; ÔHARA, 1992, 176 [Tarama-jima, Zamami-jima, Ishigaki-jima]; 1994, 137 [Yonaguni-jima]; MAZUR, 1997, 129.

Specimens examined. Japan: Ryukyu [Okinawa-jima] 9 exs., Ibe, Kunigami, 20–XII–2002, M. ÔHARA, from cow dung (OK-02-MO-003). [Kuro-shima, Yaeyama Isls.] 6 males and 2 females, Hori, 24° 14' 50" N 123° 59' 58" E, 8–XII–2008, M. ÔHARA, from cow dung (KU-08-MO-051); 6 males and 7 females, near Kuroshima light house, 24° 13' 13" N 124° 00' 27" E, 8–XII–2008, M. ÔHARA, from cow dung (KU-08-MO-052).

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